

Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will be hurt and consumers will be deprived of choice. Chairman Powell: Please do not accomodate the ILECs at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.